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FROM MC HENRY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PROG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA - SWAPO INTERIM REPLY TO PROPOSAL

REF: LUSAKA 1109

WHILE NJOMO TRAVEL AWAY FROM LUSAKA COMES AT AN INOPPORTUNE TIME,
IT MAY IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS BE HELPFUL INsofar AS SWAPO IS UNABLE
TO GIVE A QUICK AND POSSIBLY UNHELPFUL RESPONSE. THUS I BELIEVE
WE SHOULD NOT LOOK AT THE INTERIM REPLY CONTAINED REFTEL AS AN
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ADVERSE DEVELOPMENT. SWAPO'S INABILITY TO RESPOND QUICKLY MAY
PROVIDE US THE NECESSARY TIME TO BUILD PRESSURES AMONG FRONT LINE
STATES AND OTHERS. IT WILL ALSO MAKE MATTERS MORE DIFFICULT FOR
SOUTH AFRICA IF THE SOUTH AFRICANS ARE UNABLE TO BASE A NEGATIVE
RESPONSE ON AN IMMEDIATE SWAPO REJECTION. IN LIGHT OF THESE
FACTORS, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE AN EARLY RESPONSE BUT
NOT PUSH TOO HARD.

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